Annapolis in Ann Arundell County, Executor of Thomas Watson late of the City & County aforesaid deceased.

Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioner caused the Will of the said Deceased to be proved took out Letters Testamentary thereon and proceeded to an appraisement of the Decd's Goods & Chattles, which said appraisement was made & compleated by John Jordan & Stephen Mason of the City of Annapolis aft. being thereunto lawfully authorized by John Beale Esq. Your Honour's Deputy Commissary of Ann Arundell County aft.

That Your Petitioner being unacquainted with the manner of proceeding in such cases, and imagineing it was the duty of the Appraisers to exhibit the Inventory of the Decd's Estate as by them taken into Your Honours Office made no doubt but that the said Inventory was long since returned But upon examination Your Petitioner finds there never hath been any return thereof.

Your Petitioner further shews to Your Honour that he is now ready to pass an Account of the said Decd's Estate, and for want of his Inventory signed & sealed by the Appraisers cannot proceed, and is like to have very much trouble tho it is now impossible for Your Petitioner to procure, one of the aforesaid Appraisers (to wit) John Jordan being dead, and Stephen Mason the other Appraiser absconds.

But may it please your Honour, at the request of Your Petit.r the Papers of the said John Jordan were examined by Margaret Jordan his Exec.x and a Copy of the aforesaid Inventory found among the said Papers which said Copy Your Petitioner herewith produces to your Honour being made at the request of the aforesaid John Jordan by a certain William Banfield of the City of Annapolis and which was intended to have been signed by the said Appraisers and returned as the true and original Inventory of the said Thomas Watson's Estate as the said Banfield is ready & willing to prove by his Oath.

Your Petitioner hath likewise a Copy of the said Inventory taken by himself from the rough draught of the appraisement which exactly agrees with the beforementioned Copy drawn by order of the Appraisers and now produced, to

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to which said Copy so as aforesaid taken by the said Banfield at the request of Your Petitioner can justly, & is ready & willing to make Oath in the usual form.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the aforesaid Copy on being signed by Relations & Creditors or certified according to Act of Assembly and being proved in common form by Your Petitioner may be received as the true Inventory of the said Decd Thomas Watson's Estate as fully and amply as if the same had been signed & sealed by the Appraisers, and that Your Petitioner may proceed to pass his Account of the said Decd's Estate and

Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall pray &c.

20th: March 1729 The within mentioned Inventory on being proved & signed as set forth in the Petition will be received to avail so far as in Law and right it ought

Edw.d Henry Calvert Comiss.y Gen.l

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28th: March The following Proceedings were exhibited from Dorchester County by John Pitt Gent Deputy Commissary there (viz.t)

Joseph Cottman his Admcon Bond in common form by Anthony Rawlings his Admin.r with Thomas Emmalls & Thomas Made his Sureties in One Hundred Pounds Sterling dated 18th March 1729.

William Jones his Testam.y Bond in common form by Jennett Jones his Exec.x with Patrick Macalester & John Rachs his Sureties in One Hundred Pounds Sterling dated 18th March 1729.

Arthur Smith his Will & Codicil & Testam.y Bond in common form by Margaret Smith his Exec.x with John Kirk & John Lane her Sureties of Dorchester County in One Hundred & Fifty Pounds Sterling dated 18th March 1729

Josias Mace his Will & Testamentary Bond in common form by Nicholas Mace his Exec.r with Charles Standford & Richard Pearson his Sureties in Thirty Pounds Sterling dated 18th March 1729.

Aaron Junice his Admcon Bond in common form by Pace Junice his Admin.x with Allen Thomas & Williams Phillips her Sureties in One Hundred Pounds Sterling dated 18th March 1729